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Applicants:

GUNTHER MICHAEL, ET AL.

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For: HYDROPHOBIC SILICA

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

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In response to the Official Action of February 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines ⁸⁻¹²~~8-16~~, as follows:

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It is known to compact hydrophilic, pyrogenically produced silica (EP 0 280 851 B1).
Disadvantageously, as tamped or bulk density increases, thickening action declines in a linear manner. Dispersibility also falls as density increases. This results in unwanted speckling. Thus, once compacted, a hydrophilic, pyrogenically produced silica may only be used for a limited number of applications.

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